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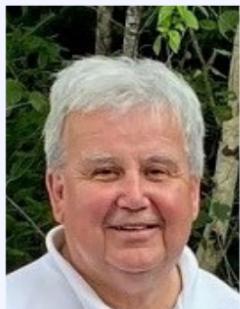
ARE WE READY?

If the level of development along Hwy 103 is any indication, this region is in for some significant changes over the next few years. Whether we like these changes or not, we all have to prepare for what is coming. In the past, as a community we have held a series of planning meetings to try and get ahead of the development we knew was inevitable, and now that it is on our doorstep, the question is, are we ready?

As a community we have requested zoning to protect the public process required for development, we have advocated for sidewalks and better trail access, we have supported the establishment of a streetscape plan and we identified the need for standardized signage projects to create a sense of community and reduce the clutter at the entrance to the region. While we cannot always control the pace of development in the way we would like, we can continue to have a say in the region by participating in public meetings and information sessions.

One such meeting is taking place on **December 10 from 6-8** at the Hubbards Area Lions Club. It is hosted by the Municipality of the District of Chester, regarding the Coastal Regulations. More information about this can be found on page 3 of this edition.

At the end of the day it is the beauty of this region that keeps people here and coming back. To build upon that community quality, **the AHT is looking for input into a new beautification strategy for the area.** To start, we will work with the Municipality of Chester and take advantage of a new funding program available to create a number of lower cost/high impact projects that can take place in and around the commercial area of Hubbards (from the trailhead to the Fox Point Front Rd). AHT is looking for ideas and suggestions about what we could do to help improve the outdoor amenities and create places where people can gather and enjoy what the community has to offer. This will be an ongoing project so don't be afraid to share projects big or small. We expect this work will be expanded in future years so would appreciate knowing your ideas for the future, as well.



Message From The Board Chair

It's hard to believe we are near the end of another year, with the Holidays right around the corner. It's a great time to reflect on changes in your own life, as well as in your community. Life is certainly not boring.

Aspotogan Heritage Trust, the staff and the Board of Directors continue to look for how we can best serve this region. We are extremely proud of the programs, activities and events we have helped financially, and continue to explore ways we can serve our communities. We always welcome your feedback and suggestions, and we always welcome you to stop by and say hello.

Board Chair
Ian Sutherland

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you and your loved ones Happy Holidays, and all the best for 2026!



Thank You for Another Great Season at Aspotogan Ridge Golf Club!

As another golf season wraps up, we want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped make it such a great one at Aspotogan Ridge Golf Club!

From our dedicated staff to our loyal members, sponsors, and all the golfers who came out to play – your support and enthusiasm made this season a true success. Whether you were teeing off for the first time, joining a tournament, or just enjoying a sunny day on the course, you've been a big part of what makes Aspotogan Ridge such a special place.

We're proud to see how the club continues to grow as a gathering place for friends, families, and our community. Your energy and love for the game keep the greens lively and the clubhouse buzzing.

While the course rests for the winter, our Pro Shop is now located at Aspotogan Heritage Trust! Drop by to purchase memberships, merchandise, gift certificates, and more – it's the perfect way to stay connected to the game (or get a head start on next season).

Thank you again for another fantastic year – we couldn't have done it without you. See you next spring!
– The Aspotogan Ridge Golf Club Team



Holiday Closure

Aspotogan Heritage Trust will be closing at 4 pm on Tuesday, December 23rd and remain closed until 9 am on Monday, January 5th, 2026.

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season from the staff of the Aspotogan Heritage Trust

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

Community Grants & Initiatives

April - November 2025

Grants - \$500

Shatford Memorial Elementary School Auction
 Blandford Seasiders Trip
 Peggy's Cove Festival of the Arts
 St. Margaret's Bay Pride
 Through the Years Early Learning Centre Golf Tournament
 Writer Group Event
 St. Margaret's Bay Association for Community Living

Community Initiatives

TTY - Accessibility chair \$264
 Scholarships (\$500/each)
 Hailey Brigley, Peyton Nicks,
 Mikayla Lojek-Graves, Ava Millar
 Western Halifax Community Learning Network - \$6000
 Community Wheels \$7500

Grants

The Aspotogan Heritage Trust "invests in the visions" of our community groups and organizations through our grant programs. Grants are available at two levels, \$500 or less and over \$500. These cover both community events and larger community development and infrastructure projects. Applications from individuals or businesses are not accepted. Please review the grant guidelines before completing the application.

Scholarships

The Aspotogan Heritage Trust is pleased to provide scholarships to graduating students from Forest Heights Community School and Bay View High School who are attending post-secondary studies at the University and College level. Two \$500 scholarships are awarded to each school annually. AHT provides scholarships to students that meet the following criteria:

- Student must reside in the communities between and including East River to Black Point
- Student must provide a current transcript, a reference letter and a personal essay about their community and school involvement.



*Application forms for all
 Community Development
 Grants or Scholarships can be
 picked up in our office or
 found online at:
www.aspogatan.org*

Municipality of Chester



Coastal Regulations: Public Engagement

Municipal Council has asked staff to host a series of community meetings to provide information on coastal threats (erosion, flooding & loss of sensitive coastal wetlands). Staff are seeking input and comments from community members to assist in creating a draft set of regulations that would ensure development on or near the coast is done responsibly and safely. Regulations would also provide protection for sensitive coastal ecosystems. You can play an important role in developing these rules by providing input and comments.

Three meetings have been scheduled throughout November and December. Anyone is welcome to attend one or more of the meetings (the material presented will be the same at each meeting). Each meeting will be open from 6:00—8:00pm. The format will be Open House, with attendees welcome to come and go as they wish.

- **November 13, 2025:** Western Shore—Western Shore Legion (6582 Highway 3, Western Shore)
- **November 24, 2025:** Village of Chester—Tuck Hall (54 Regent Street, Chester)
- **December 10, 2025:** Hubbards — Hubbards Area Lions Club (43 Lions Club Rd, Fox Point)

Following these sessions staff will return to Council before draft regulations are created. These draft regulations will then be made available to the public for review with time to provide feedback and comment. Council will then schedule a Public Hearing to vote on the draft regulations for Coastal development

For more information visit:
www.engagechester.ca/coastal-regulations-for-the-municipality-of-chester

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Supporting Local Spirit

Purses with Purpose & Patchwork Pals

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Community kindness shines bright in our region, embodied by two inspiring local initiatives: Purses with Purpose and Patchwork Pals. Both show how small acts of care can ripple through our neighborhoods and make meaningful difference in many lives.

Purses with Purpose Project

Purses with Purpose is all about creativity, compassion, and supporting women through transitional times. Founded by a dynamic mother-daughter team, the project transforms repurposed jeans into unique, hand-made totes, each filled with personal-care items meant to say “you matter.” These gifts are much more than practical—they offer dignity, encouragement, and a sense of belonging.



Getting involved is easy and deeply rewarding. Community members can host a “jean drive” to gather material, join a tote-making pop-up, volunteer their time, or donate personal-care essentials like feminine hygiene supplies, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and toothbrushes. Every contribution—whether chopping belt-loops, sewing seams, or dropping off donations—fuels the spirit of care that defines the project.

To learn more, donate, or participate, visit their website at purseswithpurpose.ca or contact them by email at pwpnovascotia@gmail.com.

Patchwork Pals



Patchwork Pals keeps the creativity and kindness flowing with their beautiful “Comfort quilts.” This small but mighty group—including Peggy Conrad, Sharon Legge, Jane Ramey, Kandance Laurendeau, Vida Doucette, Bev Kenyon, and Kate Burke—meets every Monday at the Seventh Day Adventist Church Basement from 1 to 3 p.m. Together, they've given about 250 quilts to sick and shut-in neighbors around the Hubbards area, and donated many more to organizations like the IWK Children's Hospital, Phoenix House, and the Epileptic Centre.

Their efforts rely on generous fabric donations, and with support from the Aspotogan Heritage Trust, they're able to keep buying thread and batting. Patchwork Pals also contribute quilts to local auctions and events, and always welcome new volunteers—especially those willing to sew or cut squares. If you know of someone who could use a quilt, or if you are interested in volunteering, reach out to Sharon Legge 902-857-9381 or Peggy Conrad 902-857-3619. The group pauses meeting during summer but continues piecing and prepping quilts behind the scenes.

Celebrating Local Kindness

The work of Purses with Purpose and Patchwork Pals warms hearts—and sometimes toes—throughout the year. Their combined creativity and care make our region a kinder, more supportive place for all.

If you want to offer a helping hand, donate, or simply connect with these remarkable groups, reach out via their provided contact info and join the ripple of kindness making a real difference in our community. Donations to AHT directly, will also support these and other community projects in the region.